

# MINE DISASTER BLAMED ON OPERATORS

## Wife, Sued, Fasts To Soften Her Husband's Heart FATHER OF FOUR ENDS LIFE

### KILLS SELF BEFORE WIFE

"All Over Now," He Tells Her,  
Handing Over Children,  
Then Fires Shot.

Leading their four children to  
his wife, who is said to have left  
him yesterday, and then sending  
them out of the room, Abraham  
Lieberman, thirty-nine years old,  
a grocer at 101 N street south-  
east, today committed suicide by  
shooting himself through the  
head.

"All Over Now."

The shooting took place at the  
home of relatives of Lieberman's  
wife, Mrs. Eva Lieberman, at 528  
Four and a half street southwest.  
Lieberman is said to have taken  
the children from his home to his  
wife, and exclaimed, "Here, take  
them; it's all over now."

Whipping a revolver from his  
pocket, he ordered them from the  
room and closed the door. An in-  
stant later a shot rang out. Lieber-  
man was dead when the door was  
opened.

Took Pistol To Bed.

The police say that the couple  
had reached a state of open dis-  
agreement this week. Mrs. Lieber-  
man complaining, they declare, that  
Lieberman "placed a revolver be-  
tween them when they went to  
bed."

The misunderstanding is said to  
have reached its climax yesterday,  
when Mrs. Lieberman left her hus-  
band and went to live with her  
relatives.

By a strange coincidence Lieber-  
man's grocery store was broken  
into and robbed last night, though  
nothing of value was reported  
missing.

### WIRELESS BELIEVED TO HAVE LOCATED PARENTS

HOOKSET, N. H., Nov. 22.—In  
Bert Raven, of Cedar Rapids, Ia.,  
who is searching by radio for his  
parents, from whom he was sepa-  
rated sixteen years ago, Xavier  
Champagne, of this town, believes  
he has recognized a son who dis-  
appeared in Manchester in 1906.  
Champagne has written for proofs  
of identity.

The Champagne boy, playing with  
other children on a road, left them  
to return home. He was never  
seen again by his parents, who  
claimed a visit to the Wool-  
worth bridge and an expedition high  
up in the Statue of Liberty.

### ALBERT, "TIGER'S" VALET, SEES NEW YORK SIGHTS

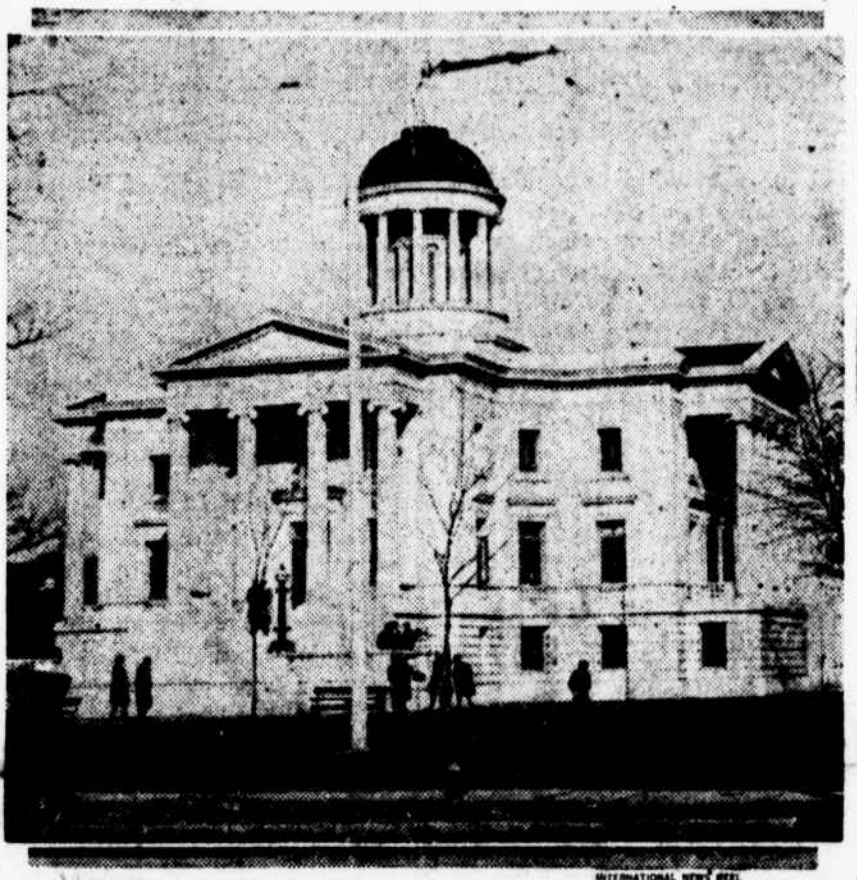
NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Albert,  
valet extraordinaire to M. Georges  
Clemenceau, isn't going back to his  
native land without knowledge of  
the advertised wonders of America.  
Without announcing the fact, he  
betook himself from the home of  
Charles Dana Gibson, where the  
"Tiger" is a guest during his stay  
in New York. Everybody in the  
household wondered where Albert  
was. Later they learned.

Accompanied by one of the most  
demure of the Gibson maids, he  
went for a seeing to the sight-  
which included a visit to the Wool-  
worth tower, a walk on the Brook-  
lyn bridge and an expedition high  
up in the Statue of Liberty.

### 163,889 IN JAILS IN U. S., RECORDS REVEAL

Prisoners confined in penal in-  
stitutions in the United States on  
July 1, 1922, totaled 163,889, the  
Census Bureau announced today.  
Of this number 5,540 were in  
three Federal penitentiaries; 78,673  
in State prisons; 44,283 in 2,451  
county penal institutions, prin-  
cipally jails; 12,717 in chain or road  
gangs in certain Southern States;  
21,633 in 1,319 city institutions, and  
the remaining 1,041 were women  
committed by the courts to twenty-  
four other institutions controlled by  
religious or charitable organizations.  
The total number of prisoners in  
the Atlanta Federal penitentiary on  
July 1, 1922, was 2,334; in the Leav-  
enworth Federal penitentiary, 2,671,  
and in the McNeil Island Federal  
penitentiary, 535.

### HOLDING SPOTLIGHT IN HALL-MILLS CASE



The white stone court house of Somerset county, at Somerville,  
New Jersey, where the grand jury is hearing evidence in the Hall-  
Mills slaying. Interest from all over the country is centered upon  
the little body of men and women meeting in this building of  
Jersey Justice.

### KEEPS ON TRAIL OF RECTOR'S WIDOW

Grand Jury Will Follow Up Mrs.  
Hall's Movements on  
Day of Killing.

By JOHN L. SPIVAK,  
International News Service.  
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 22.—  
Testimony to the effect that Mrs.  
Edward W. Hall, widow of the mur-  
dered rector of St. John's Episcopal  
Church, suspected the clandestine  
meetings between her husband and  
his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills,  
as far back as last February was  
one of the main things Special  
Deputy Attorney General Wilbur A.  
Mott prepared to present before the  
Somerset grand jury as they con-  
vened for the third day of their in-  
vestigation of the murders.

This testimony will be followed,  
according to the present plans, by  
evidence concerning the movements  
of the rector's widow on the day of  
September 14, and particularly on  
the night between the hours of 9  
and 3 o'clock the following morning.  
Mrs. Anna Voorhees, a woman  
living near the scene of the crime,  
was the first witness called today  
when the grand jury resumed their  
session. Mrs. Voorhees heard the  
shots and screams and helped to  
fix the time of the murder.  
It was learned that Mott had no  
intention of calling Mrs. Jane Gib-  
son, his star witness, today. It is  
understood she will appear before  
the grand jury Monday. The jury  
will adjourn this afternoon until  
Monday.

### WOMAN KILLED; 5 HURT AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Nov. 22.—  
Mrs. Mary Tubbs, eighty, was kill-  
ed, and her daughter, Mrs. Clyde  
Hartman, and four of Mrs. Hart-  
man's children were injured last  
night when their automobile was  
struck by a passenger train at the  
East Bloomsburg grade crossing.  
Mrs. Hartman and her son,  
Bruce, received injuries which, it  
is feared, will prove fatal. Her  
fourteen-month-old daughter, Lola,  
suffered a fractured left collar bone  
and other injuries, and another  
son, Ned, and another daughter,  
Matha, were cut and bruised.  
Mrs. Hartman drove directly in  
front of the train.

### OPERATORS BLAMED IN REPORT

77 Deaths in Mine Blast Due  
to Carelessness, Cor-  
oner's Jury Declares.

By International News Service.  
BARNESBORO, Pa., Nov. 22.—  
Responsibility for the terrific  
explosion at the Reilly mine at  
Spangler, Pa., on November 6,  
which took a toll of seventy-seven  
lives, was placed squarely on the  
shoulders of the operators of that  
mine by a coroner's jury early  
today, after a thorough investiga-  
tion of the disaster and its cause.  
Text of the Verdict.

The jury's verdict was:  
"We find that the gas explosion  
occurred at the Reilly No. 1 mine  
and that said explosion occurred  
from the use of open lights after  
the mine management had knowl-  
edge of the accumulation of ex-  
plosive gas in the mine and by not  
employing a sufficient number of  
fire bosses to make the proper in-  
spections and by failing to provide  
proper means for conducting suf-  
ficient ventilation to the working  
forces in the mine.

The jury further find the mine man-  
agement responsible for the afore-  
said explosion."  
The jury considered the evidence  
from 1 o'clock last night until 4  
o'clock this morning.  
Widows of four explosive victims  
sat grimly through the entire ses-  
sion of the inquest.

### MEXICAN GUARD SHOT AND TRAIN SAFE LOOTED

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 22.—When  
the Cuernavaca-Mexico City express  
arrived here today, it was found  
that an express case had been robbed  
of 2,000 pesos and that the ex-  
press messenger guarding the  
money, Hipolito Elveras, had been  
shot to death.  
The body was still warm when  
the train drew into the station.  
None of the trainmen heard any  
shots fired.

### BETHLEHEM REPORTED TO OWN MIDVALE STEEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—That the  
Bethlehem Steel Company had ac-  
quired the Midvale Steel and Or-  
dnance Company was the persistent  
report in Wall street today.  
Negotiations are said to be com-  
pleted, but no official verification  
could be obtained.

### CONGRESSIONAL MILEAGE IS LIMITED BY MADDEN

Martin Madden, chairman of the  
House Appropriations Committee,  
made yesterday a sad day for some  
members of Congress.  
"I will not under any circum-  
stances submit to the House a bill  
to appropriate money for any ad-  
ditional mileage for House mem-  
bers," Madden announced on the  
floor yesterday.  
"Mileage is furnished for this  
session, but I see no reason why  
further mileage should be furnished  
between the time this special  
session ends and the regular session  
in December convenes."

### KERMIT ROOSEVELT SEES PACIFIC SHIPS IN DANGER

TOKIO, Nov. 22.—Kermit Roose-  
velt, here investigating shipping con-  
ditions in the Pacific, today declar-  
ed:  
"If Congress does not pass the  
ship subsidy bill or restrictions on  
American shipping are not removed,  
the American flag will be off the  
Pacific ocean within twelve months."

### MILLIONAIRE RADICAL SURRENDERS AT PRISON

JOLIET, Ill., Nov. 22.—William  
Bross Lloyd, wealthy radical con-  
victed of violation of the Illinois  
anti-syndicalist act, surrendered  
himself at the State penitentiary  
here last night at 10:45 o'clock to  
begin serving a sentence of from  
one to five years.

### SUES OPERA SINGER FOR \$125,000 BALM



Mrs. Ottavio Scotto and her daughter Cecelia. Mrs. Scotto has  
started a suit for \$125,000 against Claudia Muzio, young soprano of  
the Chicago Opera Company, for the alienation of Scotto's affec-  
tions. Scotto has acted as the singer's manager since December  
1920.

### NEW MACHINE TELLS GIRL WHICH SUITOR LOVES BEST

By ELLIS H. MARTIN,  
International News Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 22.—No longer need the doubt-  
ful lover remain doubtful. Mary will be able to tell whether  
it is Tom, Dick, or Harry that she really loves, and vice versa,  
Tom may discover whether it is Mary, Anne, or Jane that he  
truly loves.

An apparatus in the course of per-  
fection by Dr. Albert Abrams, noted  
San Francisco physician, will me-  
chanically answer the question of  
whether love exists in an individual,  
and, if so, how much.

While the machine was not de-  
signed for the purpose of recording  
the story of love, it works admirably  
for that purpose. The apparatus  
when perfected will be used for radio  
diagnosis. It will make possible  
diagnosis of disease, according to  
Abrams system, without the human  
element of the diagnostician, and it is  
expected it will be possible to work  
it quite as well from New York to  
San Francisco as it will perform  
within the relatively short distance  
of the clinic room. Dr. Abrams is  
not yet ready to demonstrate it to  
the world.

But without any elaboration it now  
records the degree of love. The sub-  
ject is seated in a chair, his feet rest-  
ing on metal. An insulated plate is  
applied over the heart. The subject  
thinks of the girl he loves and be-  
lieves he loves. Within six seconds  
there is a decided change in the pitch  
of the radio tones coming from the  
adjacent machine.  
Provided he thinks he loves more  
than one girl, the scale showing the  
exact distance. At present the ear  
alone catches the changes in tuning  
of the radio hum without difficulty.  
If the machine comes into com-  
mon use, the divorce courts will  
have to go out of business unless  
the subjects are of the changeable  
variety.

### NORRIS BILL WOULD INCORPORATE FARMERS

Creation of a \$100,000,000 "Farm-  
ers and Consumers' Corporation"  
to buy, sell or hold agricultural  
products was again urged in the  
Senate today by Senator Norris  
(Rep. of Nebraska).  
Norris put in a bill to set up  
such a corporation, thereby renew-  
ing the fight which resulted in the  
last session in the extension of the  
War Finance Corporation instead of  
the establishment of the new organi-  
zation.

### PAPAL DELEGATE TO U. S. NOT YET NAMED

ROME, Nov. 22.—Pope Pius has  
decided to postpone the official an-  
nouncement of the appointment of  
Archbishop Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi  
as apostolic delegate to the United  
States.

Monsignor Fumasoni-Biondi mean-  
while is receiving numerous con-  
gratulations on his ascension to the  
important post.

It is thought he probably will  
not leave for America until some  
time in January.

### HINTON'S NAVAL PLANE REACHES SOUTH AMERICA

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana,  
Nov. 22.—The Sampaolo Correia II,  
 flown from New York en route to  
Rio de Janeiro by Lieut. Walter  
Hinton and an American crew,  
reached the South American con-  
tinent late yesterday.  
The big plane, which is waiting  
at Trinidad until a new propeller  
is put on, landed at the mouth of  
the Essequibo river.

### DECLARES SHE WILL DIE TO WIN

Temperature Near Freezing in  
Room Where She Tells  
Story to Reporter.

SKOWHEGAN, Maine, Nov.  
22.—Determined to melt the heart  
of her husband, who has filed suit  
for divorce, charging extreme  
cruelty and abuse, Mrs. Bertha  
Cole Britton, of this town, is on  
the eighth day of a unique love-  
fast.

The husband so far is unmoved  
by the hunger-strike, and through  
his attorney, W. Fulson Merrill,  
today announced that his wife  
could go on starving as far as he  
was concerned.

Desire for Food Is Gone.

"I have lost all my desire for  
food, and within a few hours I  
know that I will be so weak that I  
will not be able to get out of bed  
to open the doors for visitors," said  
Mrs. Britton today. "I am taking  
nothing but water inside of my  
mouth. Nothing that anyone can  
say will make me change my mind  
about it until Louis comes to me  
and talks things over. Just what  
will be done after that, should he  
come here, is a thing I cannot fore-  
tell."

A reporter visited her at the Brit-  
ton farmhouse, four miles out on  
the Waterville road, this morning.  
He found it considerably colder in-  
side of the house than outside.  
A thermometer on the living-room  
wall registered 15 degrees just three  
points above freezing. The path of  
one's breath could be traced for five  
or six feet as the chill air con-  
densed it.

Mrs. Britton had evidently arisen  
from her bed to greet the visitor,  
and sat down in a big easy chair in  
the living room, after wrapping nu-  
merous shawls and blankets about  
her head and shoulders and tucking  
her feet inside of a fur coat and a  
rag rug. The newspaperman kept  
his overcoat on, but upon the in-  
vitation of Mrs. Britton, did not re-  
move his hat, and breathed a pri-  
vate wish for earlaps.

Cobwebs in Fireplace.

In the living room fireplace rested  
four or five pieces of wood, placed on  
the andirons. They were covered  
with cobwebs. After telling Mrs.  
Britton of her neighbors' suspicions  
that she was secretly partaking of  
nourishment, the reporter was in-  
vited to make an inspection of the  
kitchen. There were no traces of  
preparation of food in the room,  
while the coal range had evidently  
not been ignited for hours.

"I expect that I will continue on  
my strike against food until I die,  
unless Louis comes to see me," she  
said. "Just to think he is not an  
eighth of a mile away, working for  
the family next door, and he will  
not even come to the sight of the  
house while I, his wife, am alone  
here, slowly killing myself by inches  
for love of him. I mean every  
word I say. Even if I collapse en-  
tirely, or am taken down with pneu-  
monia and someone sends a nurse  
here to take care of me, I will not  
eat, although perhaps I will relax  
a bit and allow the nurse to build  
a fire and keep warm."

Mrs. Britton is aroused by the  
belief of her neighbors that she is  
taking food, and offered to undergo  
any watching which may be de-  
termined upon, to prove that she  
is not taking food of any kind.

Notifies Blood Relation.

Neighbors of the woman appealed  
to the town authorities to take  
action to prevent her from starving  
herself. Selectman Smith then took  
the only step which he says is  
legal—to notify a blood relative.  
"The laws of this State are such  
that they require a blood relative  
or a trial justice to sign a complaint  
to commit anyone, even for obser-  
vation as to his sanity, which seems  
to be the only way to have Mrs.  
Britton taken care of as she should.  
If Mrs. Britton is adjudged insane  
and sent to an asylum, her husband  
cannot divorce her," Selectman  
Smith said.

So with the law of the State pre-  
venting the carrying out of his  
divorce action if his wife is declared  
incompetent, Mr. Britton would be  
placed in the position of having to  
withdraw his suit if he should per-  
tinent town authorities to care for his  
wife. And they will do nothing for